THE BRIDGE CHURCH BIRMINGHAM

Registered Charity: 1186458

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

AND

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

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Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Receipts and Payment Accounts

Report to the trustees/members of The Bridge Church Birmingham

Registered Charity Number 1186458

On the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025

Set out on the following pages

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:
examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
  Have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed *L A Silver*

Date: 21 October 2026

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Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees and Church Council

Introduction

Thank you for submitting the accounts for independent examination. They have been well maintained and the treasurer and others responsible are to be commended for their hard work. I will therefore keep my comments to a minimum.

Charity Law and Financial Regulations

The independent examination has been carried out in accordance with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995 (Statutory Instruments No 2724) and the Accounting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).

Signing of Accounts

I shall be obliged if you will please forward a copy of the signature page for my records after the accounts have been signed by a representative appointed by the Trustees and Church Council. A spare copy is enclosed.

Conclusion

There are no other matters I feel need to be brought to your attention.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further clarification or for further assistance.

Luke Silver

Date: 21 October 2026

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

ACTIVITIES REVIEW

The financial results are set out in the enclosed accounts.

The object of the charitable incorporated organisation is the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of faith and in such ways as the Charity Trustees may from time to time, think fit.

TRUSTEES

The trustees during the year were as follows:

Errol Lawson

Yvonne Brooks

Tobi Labeodan

Michelle Lynch

Kehinde Lawson

STATEMENT

We certify that the books, vouchers and information produced to enable the independent examination of our accounts to be conducted contain a full and correct record of our financial transactions and activities to the best of our knowledge and belief.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES

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Please print name: _____ Date: _____

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Summary Receipts and Payments For The Year Ended 31st December 2025

	2024 £	2025 £		2024 £	2025 £
Giving (see note 1)	60,540	76,504	Pastoral & Ministry Costs (see note 4)	6,804	6,580
Other Income (see note 2)	33,595	19,791	Church Family (see note 5)	19,475	25,392
Restricted Income (see note 3)	5,992	13,784	Establishment Costs (see note 6)	58,439	54,647
Investment A/C (see note 4)	97	294	Administration (see note 7)	10,680	6,869
	100,224	**110,373**		**95,398**	**93,488**

Opening Balance 01.01.25		**Closing Balance @ 31.12.25**	
Benevolent Fund (Women)	1,695	Benevolent Fund (Women)	2,888
Barclays	5,582	Barclays	3,348
Women's Ministry	(81)	Women's Ministry	823
Account 93251403	2,184	Account 93251403	1,000
Tangible Assets	36,510	Tangible Assets	36,746
Other Assets	667	Other Assets	667
Creditors	2,487	Creditors	1,317
		Loan to Indviduals	500
Account 63895378	(3)	Account 63895378	(3)
		Account 43556018	(700)
		Debtors	302
Building Fund Restricted	11,402	Building Fund Restricted	30,579
Total	**60,443**	**Total**	**77,467**

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Receipts for the year ended 31st December 2025

	2024		2025	
	£	£	£	£
Giving (Note 1)				
Donations Received	60,540		76,504	
Gift Aid	0			
		60,540		**76,504**
Other Income (Note 2)				
Gift Aid Tax Refund	18,722		13,962	
Conference	2,531		285	
Groups	2,261		1,421	
Junior Church	1,366			
Worship	448		175	
Young Adults	0			
Tuck Shop Sales	29		61	
Sales & Services	130		1,560	
Rent Income	4,356		1,550	
Book Sales	(95)		232	
Facilitator Fee	1,304			
Sundry Income	2,543		545	
		33,595		**19,791**
Restricted Income (Note 3)				
Building Fund	5,992		13,784	
		5,992		**13,784**
Investment Income (Note 4)				
Interest	97		294	
		97		**294**
Total		**100,224**		**110,373**

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Payments for the year ended 31st December 2025

	2024		2025	
	£	£	£	£
Pastoral & Ministry Costs				
Pastor Ministry Expenses	84		200	
Social Media Co-Ordinator	1,189		3,153	
Guest Speakers	1,400		1,325	
Staff Supports	280		235	
Follow Up Role	2,950		400	
Travelling Expenses	901		1,267	
		6,804		**6,580**
Church Family				
Leadership Development	588		1,637	
Outreach / Missions / Evangelism	1,200		1,720	
Worship Ministry	5,478		10,247	
Text Giving Fees	428		179	
Conference & Crusade Cost	4,021		5,906	
AOG Contribution	517		548	
Catering / Hospitality	1,987		2,804	
Junior Church	124		31	
Men's Ministry	1,170		0	
Young Adult Expenses	317		0	
Women's Ministry	3,645		2,070	
Missions Giving	0		250	
		19,475		**25,392**
Establishment Costs				
Sound / PA	64		0	
Cleaning	5,290		4,080	
Insurance	860		3,756	
Light & Heat	12,794		7,298	
Rent	38,000		37,200	
Repairs & Maintenance	1,219		2,163	
Room Expenditure	212		150	
		58,439		**54,647**
Administration				
Cost of Sales	56		250	
Advertising	3,083		414	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	551		429	
Media / Tech	1,195		1,500	
Dona, Digital Collection Plate Charges	120		243	
Safeguarding	163		317	
Legal & Professional Fees	120		0	
Accountancy	450		500	
Faciliator Expenses	322		0	
Subscriptions	1,563		1,918	
Telephone & Internet	830		1,062	
Bank Charges	153		138	
Sundry	2,074		98	
		10,680		**6,869**
Total		**95,398**		**93,488**

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As At 31st December 2025

	£
Fixed Assets	
Furniture & Fixtures	33,182
Computer Equipment	3,564
Total Fixed Assets	**36,746**
Loan to Individuals	500
Current Assets	
Bank Balances:	
Account 63895378	(3)
Account 43556018	(700)
Benevolent Fund (Women)	2,888
Building Fund Restricted	30,579
Barclays	3,348
Account 93251403	1,000
Women's Ministry	823
Debtors	302
Stock - Apostle Arome Osayi	667
Total Current Assets	**38,904**
Total Assets	**76,150**
Current Liabilites	
Creditors	(1,317)
Net Assets	**77,467**

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2025
Registered Charity No. 1186458

Administrative information

The Bridge Church Birmingham is a registered charity (No. 1186458) and an Assemblies of God fellowship in Birmingham. The address stated in the preceding annual report was 86 Watery Lane Middleway, Birmingham. The charity's registered correspondence details should be checked before submission.

Trustees listed for 2025 in the independently examined accounts: Errol Lawson, Yvonne Brooks, Tobi Labeodan, Michelle Lynch and Kehinde Lawson.

Public benefit

The trustees have regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance in directing the charity's work. The church seeks to make Christian worship, teaching, pastoral support and opportunities for community participation available through its charitable activities.

Aims and purposes

The charitable incorporated organisation's object is the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with its statement of faith and in such ways as the charity trustees may from time to time think fit. Its ministry includes worship, discipleship, pastoral care and outreach.

Achievements and performance

Worship and prayer

The church continued its worship and prayer ministry during 2025. The accounts record expenditure on worship ministry, guest speakers and pastoral ministry. The church's regular worship and prayer activities supported its purpose of advancing the Christian faith.

Discipleship and pastoral care

Discipleship, leadership development and pastoral support remained part of the church's ministry. The accounts record expenditure on leadership development and church family activities, alongside pastoral and ministry costs.

Facilities and venue

The trustees continued to support the provision and upkeep of premises for worship and ministry. The 2025 accounts record rent, cleaning, utilities, insurance and repairs. The restricted building fund remained a significant designated resource for the church's longer-term premises objectives.

Mission, outreach and community

The church's activities included outreach, missions and evangelism, with associated expenditure shown in the accounts. The church confirms that it did not deliver charitable activities outside the United Kingdom during 2025. Approximately 50 individuals volunteered in the church's charitable activities during the year.

Ecumenical relationships

The Bridge Church identifies as part of the Assemblies of God fellowship. Its Christian mission and ministry are pursued within that denominational context.

Financial review

The independently examined receipts and payments accounts for 2025 show total receipts of **£110,373** (2024: £100,224) and total payments of **£93,488** (2024: £95,398). Receipts exceeded payments by **£16,885**. The statement of assets and liabilities reports net assets of **£77,467** at 31 December 2025, including a restricted building fund balance of **£30,579**. These figures should be read with the independently examined accounts and notes.

Reserves policy

The previous annual report stated that the trustees were working towards a reserves policy targeting six months of general running costs. The status of formal adoption and the level of unrestricted reserves at 31 December 2025 should be confirmed by the trustees; restricted building funds are not available for general expenditure.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is governed by its trustees under its constitution. Trustees are responsible for oversight of the church's charitable activities, financial stewardship, safeguarding and compliance. Day-to-day ministry is led through pastoral and departmental leadership, supported by volunteers.

Responsibilities of the trustees

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records, preparing the charity's annual accounts and report in accordance with applicable charity law, safeguarding the charity's assets, and taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Approval and signature

This report is submitted for trustee review and approval and is intended to accompany the independently examined accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Professor (Hon) Errol Lawson
Trustee

Signature: 

Date: 30 October 2026